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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON PERSONNEL

FROM: JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON INSTALLATION COMMANDER


SUBJECT: Health Protection Condition (HPCON) BRAVO

- References:
- (a) DoD Instruction 6200.03, Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD, 28 Mar 19
 - (b) "Health Protection Condition (HPCON) BRAVO+ Declaration," 7 Jan 22
 - (c) Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 20) Revision 1– Department of Defense Guidance for Personnel Traveling During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic," 10 Jan 22
 - (d) "Consolidated USINDOPACOM Force Health Protection Guidance," 26 Apr 21
 - (e) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Update to Conditions-based Approach to Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions", 15 Mar 21
 - (f) Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 18) Revision 1 – Department of Defense Guidance for Protecting Personnel in Workplaces during the Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic," 6 Jan 22
 - (g) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Updated Mask Guidance for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities," 28 Jul 21
 - (h) JBER COVID-19 Installation Policy Memorandum, 25 Feb 22

1. Effective 1700 (AKST) on 25 February 2022, JBER will transition to Health Protection Condition (HPCON) BRAVO. My priorities remain 1) protect our military and civilian personnel and their families; 2) safeguard our national security capabilities; and 3) support the whole-of-nation response to the pandemic. While it is DoD policy to synchronize public health responses at the local level, there are situations where we maintain greater restrictions than state and local governments to provide mission assurance, protect the force, and ensure mission readiness.

2. The transition from HPCON BRAVO+ to HPCON BRAVO is a result of the decrease in positivity rate and severity of COVID-19 in the local area. Our HPCON posture remains focused on maintaining mission readiness, sustaining mitigation measures, and maintaining the healthcare system capacity. Despite the decreased rates compared to recent weeks, JBER and the surrounding area remain at high risk of community transmission. To help reduce the likelihood of community transmission, it is recommended that personnel receive the full series of the COVID-19 vaccination plus the booster for those eligible.

3. Commanders must communicate this guidance to their units and their families. Commanders will ensure that the workforce continues to make decisions in line with the DoD priorities of protecting our Service Members, DoD civilian employees, and their families and safeguarding our national security capabilities. JBER personnel will continue engaging in COVID mitigation measures, such as physical distancing, mask wearing, and frequent hand washing or sanitizing.
4. Address questions regarding this memorandum to 673 ABW/CV, at 673abw.cc@us.af.mil.

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